Variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease and the Quebec blood supply

Table 1: Time spent by Héma-Québec blood donors in BSE-affected countries*

	BSE-affected countries; % of donors		
Total duration of travel/ residence since 1980	United Kingdom	France	Any†
Any duration	12.9	25.0	31.0
≥ 1 mo	3.3	7.3	11.1
≥ 6 mo	1.1	2.3	5.8
≥ 1 yr	0.6	1.7	2.9

Note: BSE = bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

*As determined by responses to a survey from 5513 donors during the week of Jan. 25–30, 1999. †United Kingdom, France, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Portugal, Belgium, Luxembourg, Liechtenstein, Germany. [Return to text]